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For: Synthetic Polysaccharides, Methods For  
Preparing Same and Pharmaceutical Compositions  
Containing Said Polysaccharides

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the specification**

At page 1, following the title and before the first paragraph, add the following paragraph:

*a* -- This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/202,241 filed December  
10, 1998.--

**In the claims**

Please amend claims 1-21, cancel claims 22 - 24, and add new claims 25-29 as follows  
before calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application.

*a* 1. (Amended) A s[S]ynthetic polysaccharide containing from 8 to 24 monosaccharide units  
[formed by] comprising a sequence of disaccharides formed from a uronic acid and from a hexose,